

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 41 are pending in the application. Claims 34 and 35 are withdrawn without prejudice.

The Office Action requires Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Office Action asserts that an election of a single species is required from one of the following species:

Species I, illustrated in Fig. 1,
Species II, illustrated in Fig. 5,
Species III, illustrated in Fig. 6,
Species IV, illustrated in Fig. 10,
Species V, illustrated in Fig. 12,
Species VI, illustrated in Fig. 13,
Species VII, illustrated in Fig. 14,
Species VIII, illustrated in Fig. 20,
Species IX, illustrated in Fig. 21, and
Species X, illustrated in Fig. 22.

Applicants elect Species VIII, with traverse. Applicants thus elect claims 1 through 33 and 36 through 41 for prosecution on the merits. Claims 34 and 35 are withdrawn without prejudice. If the elected species is found to be allowable, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoin the elected and non-elected species in the allowed claims.

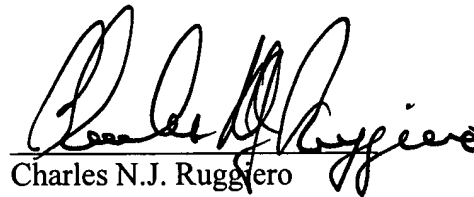
The Office Action indicates that no claim is generic. Applicants disagree and submit that claim 1 is generic to at least Species I, Species VII, Species VIII and Species IX, and that claim 33 is generic to at least Species I, Species VII, Species VIII, Species IX and Species X.

An indication of the allowability of all pending claims by issuance of a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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